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March 2, 2006

Honorable Eldon E. Fallon U.S. District Judge 500 Poydras Street C-456 Hale Boggs Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: MDL-1657 -- In re Vioxx Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached Schedule CTO-43)

Dear Judge Fallon:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a conditional transfer order filed today by the Panel in this matter.

Very truly,

Michael J. Beck Clerk of the Panel

Deputy Clerk

cc: (See Attached List of Judges)

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JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

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DOCKET NO. 1657

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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE VIOXX MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE)

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-43)

On February 16, 2005, the Panel transferred 138 civil actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. Since that time, 3,259 additional actions have been transferred to the Eastern District of Louisiana. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable Eldon E. Fallon.

It appears that the actions on this conditional transfer order involve questions of fact which are common to the actions previously transferred to the Eastern District of Louisiana and assigned to Judge Fallon.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), these actions are transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Eastern District of Louisiana for the reasons stated in the order of February 16, 2005, 360 F.Supp.2d 1352 (J.P.M.L. 2005), and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Eldon E. Fallon.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed fifteen (15) days from the entry thereof and if any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this fifteen (15) day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

FOR THE PANEL:

Michael J. Beck Clerk of the Panel

SCHEDULE CTO-43 - TAG-ALONG ACTIONS DOCKET NO. 1657 IN RE VIOXX MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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ALABAMA NORTHERN ALN 2 06-184 ALN 2 06-226 ALN 2 06-269 ALN 2 06-315 ALN 6 06-143 ALN 7 06-281	Martha Faircloth, etc.v. Merck & Co., Inc. Louise Partin v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al. Freddie Walker Arnold, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc. Robert Glenn v. Merck & Co., Inc. ReDonna Earle Wakefield Miller, etc. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al. Virginia A. Rogers v. Merck & Co., Inc.
ALABAMA SOUTHERN ALS 1 06-44	Robert Shawn Roach, et al. v. Merck & Co., et al.
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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN CAN 3 05-4949 CAN 3 06-424 CAN 3 06-716	Mary Zumut v. Merck & Co., Inc. Marvin Knox v. Merck & Co., Inc. Marilyn Artieres, etc. v. Merck & Co., Inc.
FLORIDA MIDDLE FLM 2 06-61 FLM 2 06-62 FLM 3 06-104 FLM 3 06-105	Natalie Jane Stewart v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al. Susan Wright, etc. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al. Ruby A. Barbaree v. Merck & Co., Inc. Laura D. Page, et al. v Merck & Co., Inc.
FLORIDA SOUTHERN FLS 1 06-20227 FLS 9 06-80117	Gloria Jean Thomas v. Merck & Co., Inc. Edward Hettiger, etc. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.
IOWA NORTHERN IAN 1 05-174	Paul Nadermann, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc.
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NYE 1 06-406 Basil Ebong, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc. NYE 1 06-490 Karen Padova v. Merck & Co., Inc. Joan Reinhardt v. Merck & Co., Inc. NYE 1 06-629

NEW YORK NORTHERN

Ralph Pratt, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc. NYN 3 06-114

NEW YORK SOUTHERN

Camille Gomez, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc. NYS 1 06-545 Thomas Jackson v. Merck & Co., Inc. NYS 1 06-792

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OKE 6 06-63 Darla Harris, etc. v. Merck & Co., Inc.

OKLAHOMA NORTHERN

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PAE	2	06-272	Michael Getz, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc.
PAE	2	06-388	Robbie Tallas, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.
PAE	2	06-389	Robbie Tallas, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.
PAE	2	06-507	Deborah Veysey, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.
PAE	2	06-575	George V. Edwards, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.
PAE	2	06-639	Carol Jones, etc. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.

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PAW 2 06-144	Drew Schuckman v. Merck & Co., Inc.
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INVOLVED JUDGES LIST (CTO-43) DOCKET NO. 1657 IN RE VIOXX MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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